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At the beginning of the week prices were sharply higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. During the week prices were sharply higher in the Eastern Region and in Chicago. The trade sentiment was generally firm. Retail and food service demand was mixed in a full range, light to very good, mostly fair to fairly good with limited retail feature activity. Supplies were close to tight for the larger sizes and the lighter weights were usually no better than adequate to at times short. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher during the period. Offerings were about adequate to instances short of current needs for the mostly moderate demand. Breakers were asking higher prices for finished product and were working to maintain closely balanced breaking inventories. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Light type fowl were sufficient for current slaughter needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	103-114	96-107	68-79
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	62-83	60-81	54-71
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-60	54-55
Jackson (1)	70-71	67-68	63-64
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	70-83	67-81	56-70
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	69-74	68-73	60-65
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	49-52
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54.5-62	53-60	46-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	53-60
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	78-80	74-77	63-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	90	84

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 4-Feb-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.65	61.28	55.32
SOUTHERN	55.65	53.52	46.50
MIDWEST	48.90	47.66	42.14
WESTERN	84.40	77.85	62.38
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.04	63.42	53.95

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-08-00	02-01-00	02-09-99
Large	40-42	26-28	39-41
Medium	35-37	22-24	29-31

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - AM Feb 07, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.4	9.1	5.4	11.0	11.0	41.9
	Change	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	1.1	3.1	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	14.4	22.0	6.6	18.0	20.0	81.0
	Change	-5.8	-5.1	0.7	-0.8	3.6	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	24.4	34.9	48.3	49.6	67.4	224.6
	Change	-11.5	-21.0	12.0	-2.8	-9.5	-13%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.2	29.0	10.2	15.6	20.8	86.8
	Change	1.5	-3.0	-5.2	1.6	3.0	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	5.7	2.6	5.7	3.3	21.0
	Change	-0.9	-0.4	0.9	0.5	-1.9	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	23.1	8.7	10.8	5.8	54.7
	Change	1.2	10.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	33%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.8	65.2	7.5	23.5	47.9	168.9
	Change	-4.6	-17.9	-0.5	-3.8	0.2	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	90.2	189.0	89.3	134.2	176.2	678.9
Percent	Change	-19%	-17%	12%	-3%	-1%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	678.9	-7%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	431.4	0%	40

Total Shell Egg 1,110.3 -5% 208
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-FEB-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,085,807	24,328	11,114	6,203	3,372	3,708
PW	1,128,811	25,377	11,066	6,038	3,177	3,667
LY	1,030,524	22,234	10,934	6,000	2,564	3,126
% PW	-4	-4	0	3	6	1
% LY	5	9	2	3	32	19
2000	5,679,385	127,902	56,991	31,700	15,926	19,037
1999	5,144,907	115,352	50,698	28,655	13,154	16,282

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.77 40.88 41.04

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 05-FEB-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	231.1	0	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	493.6	2	15
W.N. CENTRAL	243.8	0	9
S. ATLANTIC	190.4	-2	-3
S. CENTRAL	69.6	-3	-10
WEST	195.2	-2	-14
TOTAL	1,423.7	0	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		93	93

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JAN 29	FEB 05 Thousand	JAN 29	FEB 05
AL	28,355	28,691	*20,737	20,670
AR	29,945	29,942	23,841	23,588
DE	4,339	4,321	4,412	5,793
FL	2,734	2,609	2,668	2,262
GA	31,051	31,331	*25,080	24,490
MD	8,495	7,773	6,119	4,972
MS	17,668	17,451	14,978	15,234
NC	16,743	16,830	13,702	13,667
PA	*3,767	3,388	*2,758	2,722
SC	4,745	4,813	3,631	4,240
TX	*14,155	14,097	*11,229	11,175
VA	6,314	6,293	5,684	5,334
CA, TN, & WV	11,280	11,310	*10,805	10,156
15 State Total	*179,591	178,849	*145,644	144,303
Previous Year	176,765	178,393	141,088	139,657
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	103	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 152.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.85 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/03/00-02/09/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.25	60.62	54.07	51.84	54.59	57.50	114.00
GNR W 2	—	52.00	—	—	56.00	54.00	10.00
GNR W 3	—	44.00	—	—	42.67	—	3.00
GL W XL	66.33	—	58.50	64.50	58.04	—	14.00
GL W LG	63.00	66.00	56.88	61.17	54.46	67.50	28.50
GL W MD	—	52.25	45.00	49.67	41.94	47.00	18.50
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	22.50	—	26.00	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-FEB-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.6	30.6	7	-9
BOSTON	3.8	3.6	6	-51
CHICAGO	56.8	57.0	0	31
DETROIT	37.3	24.0	55	17
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	95.8	93.8	2	9
NEW ORLEANS	11.0	10.9	1	-1
NEW YORK	45.2	39.9	13	12
ST. LOUIS	16.7	16.6	1	5
SAN FRANCISCO	21.7	22.0	-1	0
TOTAL	321.0	298.5	8	9
4 WK MVG AVG	294.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 29-JAN-00

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,724	15	41	5,780
AVG WT	24.46	26.33	27.98	24.42
LAST WEEK	4,051	3	60	4,114
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,770	33	43	3,846
AVG WT	26.87	26.76	24.95	26.84
TO-DATE/2000	18,354	20	192	18,651
TO-DATE/1999	17,177	70	99	17,346

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	WT	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		THOUSAND	HEAD		WT
N EAST	1,311	253	21.54	(A)	(A)	1,318	21.56
S ATL	1,524	138	21.11	(A)	(A)	1,529	21.13
N CENT	2,054	-18	29.35	(A)	(A)	2,076	29.35
S CENT	607	84	22.34	(A)	(A)	614	22.37
WEST	219	5	25.40	(A)	(A)	243	23.69
U.S.TOTAL	5,715(B)	19	24.46	24	41	5,780	24.42
TO DATE							
2000	18,499(B)			85	192	18,651	
TO DATE							
1999	17,177(B)			0	99	17,346	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 15,000 for the year 20,000; last year to date 70,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,713 (A)	1,998	1,244	3,242	480
AVG WT	5.16	3.62	7.63	5.16	6.45
LAST WEEK	144,385	2,083	1,222	3,305	517
YR AGO	151,623	2,159	1,245	3,404	451
AVG WT	5.07	3.23	8.28	5.08	6.66
TO-DATE/2000	765,044	10,267	6,604	16,871	2,511
TO-DATE/1999	756,520	11,242	6,694	17,936	2,462

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.7 million head or 10.3 million head more than or 107 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-00

	CURRENT WEEK 02/12/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/05/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	160,241 (2)	143,667
LT HENS	1,950	1,912
HVY HENS	1,412	1,279

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Feb-00 is 152.1 million head compared to 152.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.2 million head or 10.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Feb-00 the estimated available is 152.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
8	157.5	144.3	109	5.01
15	158.4	148.5	107	5.10
22	149.7	150.6	99	5.20
29	146.1	151.7	96	4.89
FEBRUARY 5	162.7	152.4	107	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	774.4	747.5	104	
FEBRUARY 12		152.1		
19		152.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
7-Feb-00	31-Jan-00	31-Jan-00	8-Feb-99
54.69	-0.42	55.11	58.45

NUMBER OF LOADS 708

MONTHLY 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C.

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
JANUARY	55.43	2710.00

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 02/07/00-02/12/00.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG LDS	WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	43.00-45.00 43.87 53	47.47 87
Los Angeles	63.00 61.69 63	59.46 176
New York	45.00-49.00 47.34 41	53.93 86

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	59.5	59.50	1200
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-61	58-59	58.50	80
CENTRAL REGION	55-59.5	59.5	59.50	1200
WESTERN REGION	55-61	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 7-Feb-00	5,092	95,006	72,051
AM 1-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
CHG	804	29959	-3111
PCT CHG	19	46	-4

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS 13	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
TURKS 341	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.02 PCT
POP 822	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
02/07 /00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16(1)	8-11	10.22
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	11-13	12.47
01/28/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

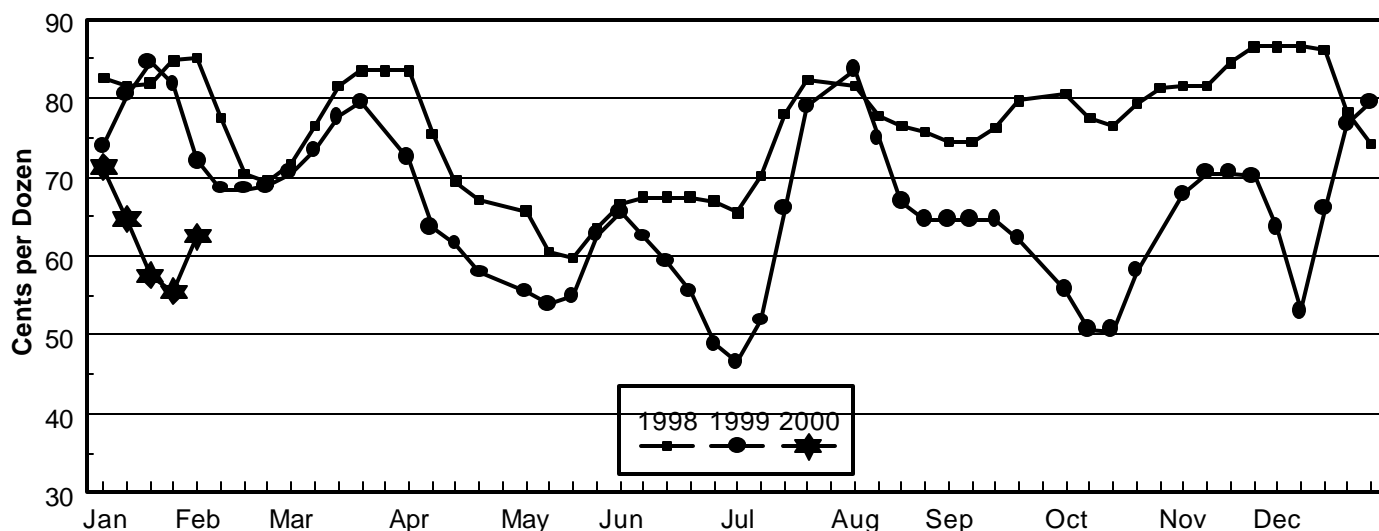
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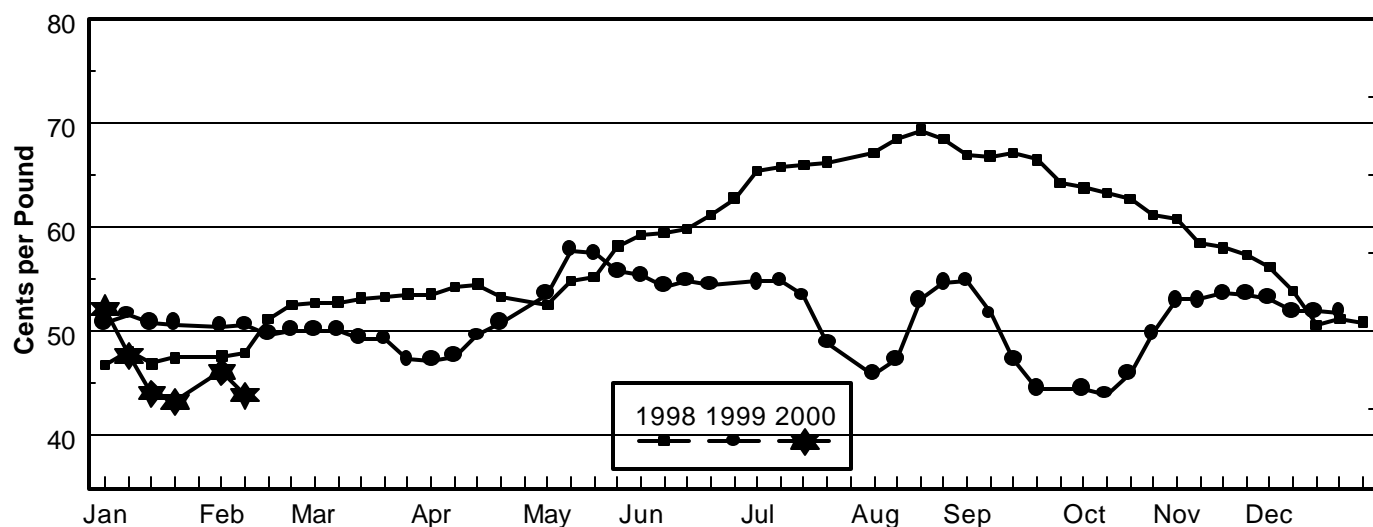
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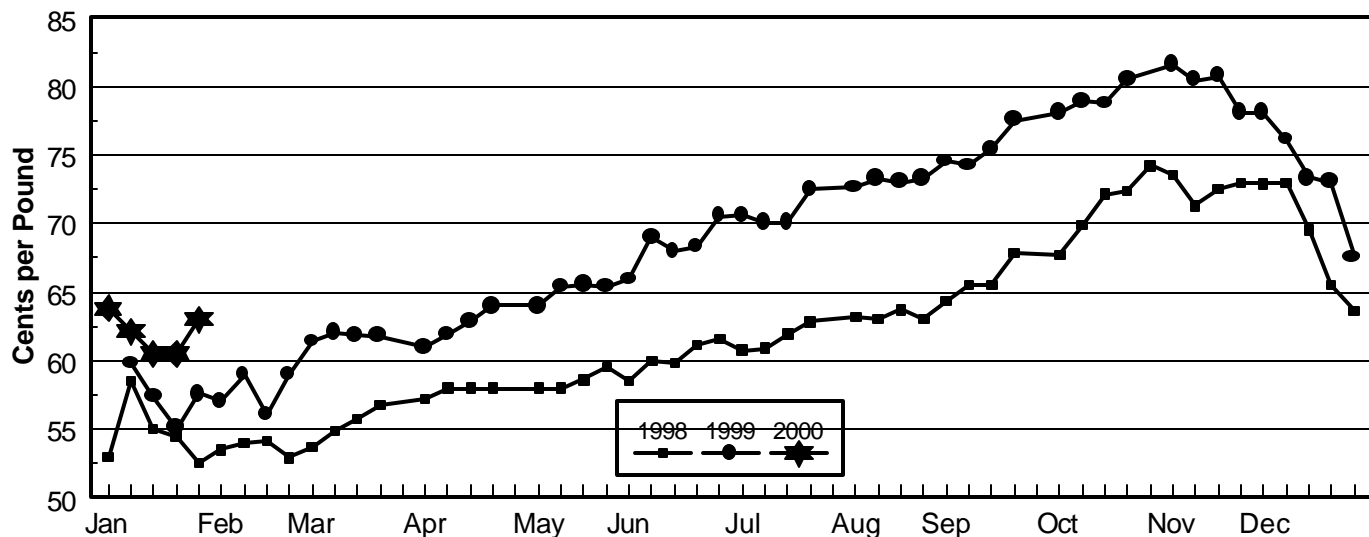
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.